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MILITARY TRAINING AREA ULAN-UDE, USSR TRANSBAIKAL MD



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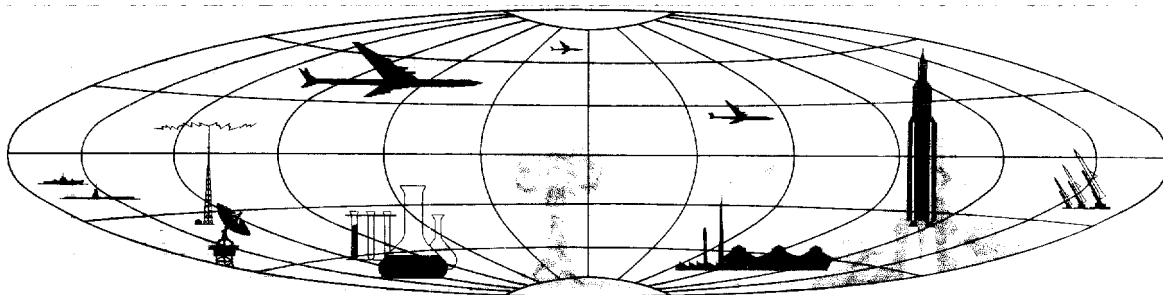
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PREFACE

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MILITARY TRAINING AREA

(51-49N 107-55E)

ULAN-UDE, BURYATSKIY, USSR

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COMOR No: None

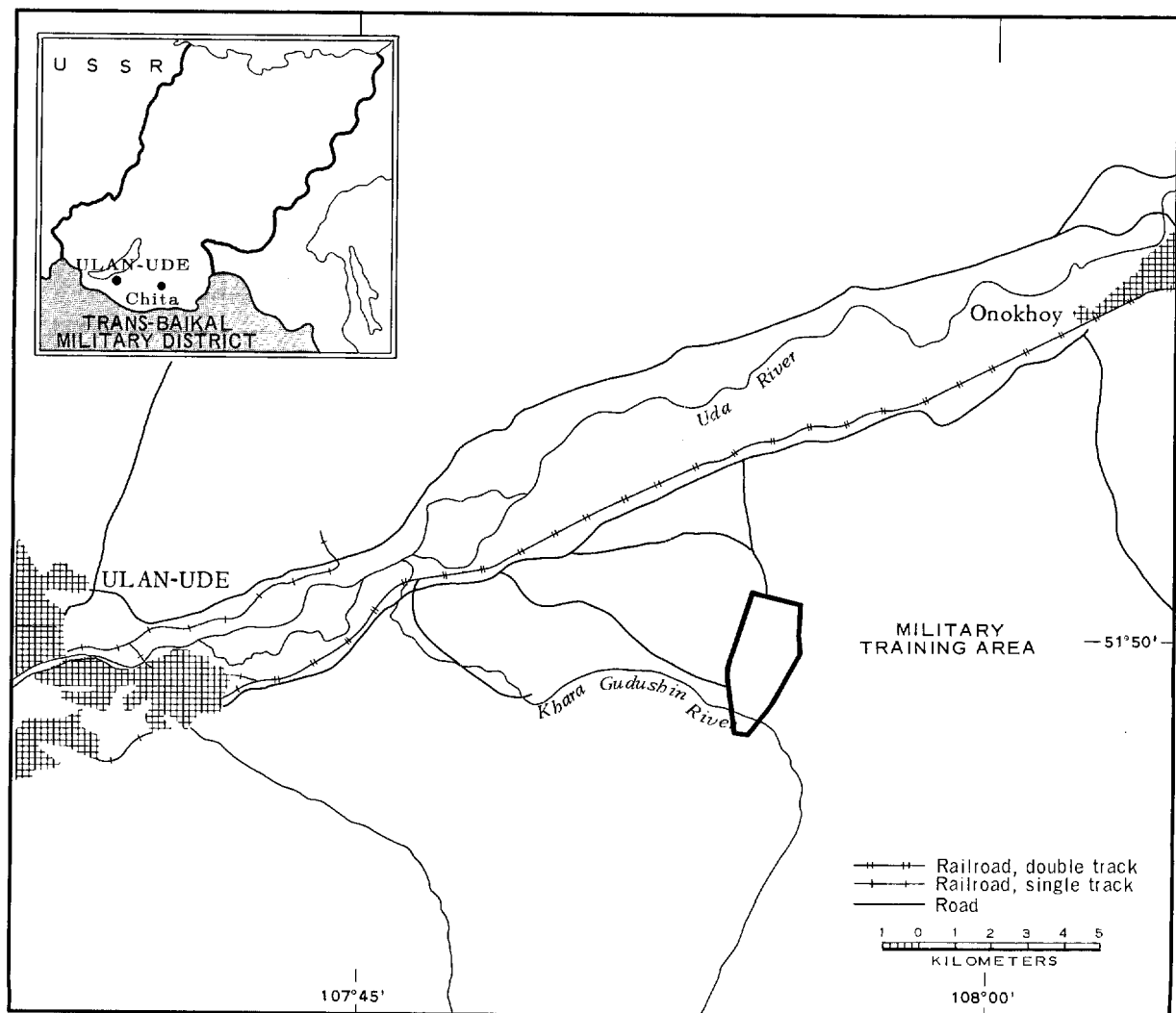


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA.

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SUMMARY 25X1D

A military training area (Figure 1) is located approximately 16 kilometers (km) east of Ulan-Ude (51-50N 107-35E). The installation is connected to the urban complex by probable improved secondary roads.

The training area covers approximately 4,000 acres (Figures 2 and 3) and contains a bivouac area with seven probable support buildings, four tank/assault gun firing ranges, a driver-training course, and a probable river-fording training area.

Poor weather conditions on available photography preclude a determination of the activity level or the degree of change in this installation since its initial coverage in [REDACTED]

At that time the range and bivouac areas appeared active. No identifiable activity was evident in the training area or on the approach roads in [REDACTED]. There are no identifiable vehicle maintenance and storage facilities within the training area. The extent of the track activity between this area and the Ulan-Ude urban complex suggests that winter storage is carried out in the area of Ulan-Ude Army Supply Depot Uda River South (51-59N 107-44E; [REDACTED]).

The installation was covered by three KEY-HOLE missions between [REDACTED] 25X1D

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

Secondary roads provide access to the Ulan-Ude--Chita line of the Trans-Siberian railroad. There are no identifiable off-loading facilities near this road juncture.

Road Service

Probably improved secondary roads connect the training area with the Ulan-Ude--Onokhoy road. The track pattern indicates that the traffic flows from the training area into the southeast edge of Ulan-Ude.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

There are no permanent billeting facilities at this site. The administrative support for this training area appears to be carried out within Ulan-Ude. A probable summer bivouac area is located south of the main firing ranges.

Ammunition Storage Area

The proximity of the Ulan-Ude Ammunition Depot Talsy (51-50N 107-48E; [REDACTED]) suggests probable resupply rather than reliance on quantity, on-site storage.

POL Storage Area

Nizhniye Talsy POL is located nearby at 51-52N 107-57E.

Other Buildings

Seven general support buildings are located within Area H, a probable bivouac area. No winter occupancy or activity was noted on available photography.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

There are no identifiable maintenance facilities within the training area. Servicing and winter storage appears to be carried out within Ulan-Ude.

Athletic Field

Random ground scarring in the vicinity of the bivouac area suggests a probable recreation/exercise area.

Driver-Training Area

Area M, a probable tracked vehicle driver-training area, appears to be a closed-circuit course over relatively level terrain. The

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course is located on the south side of the Khara Gudushin River.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is a 6,200-foot range with two groups of three lanes with one moving-target run each. The extent of scarring in the impact area indicates a possible fixed target position forward of the moving target.

Area N2 is a 7,000-foot range with two 1,200-foot lanes and probable fixed targets.

Area N3 is an approximately 10,000-foot

range with two 2,400-foot lanes and probable fixed targets.

All ranges appeared active in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Poor weather conditions preclude a determination of activity through [REDACTED] at which time no activity was apparent in the area.

Special Training Facilities

Area S, a probable river-fording point, is located south of the bivouac area and adjacent to the driver-training course.

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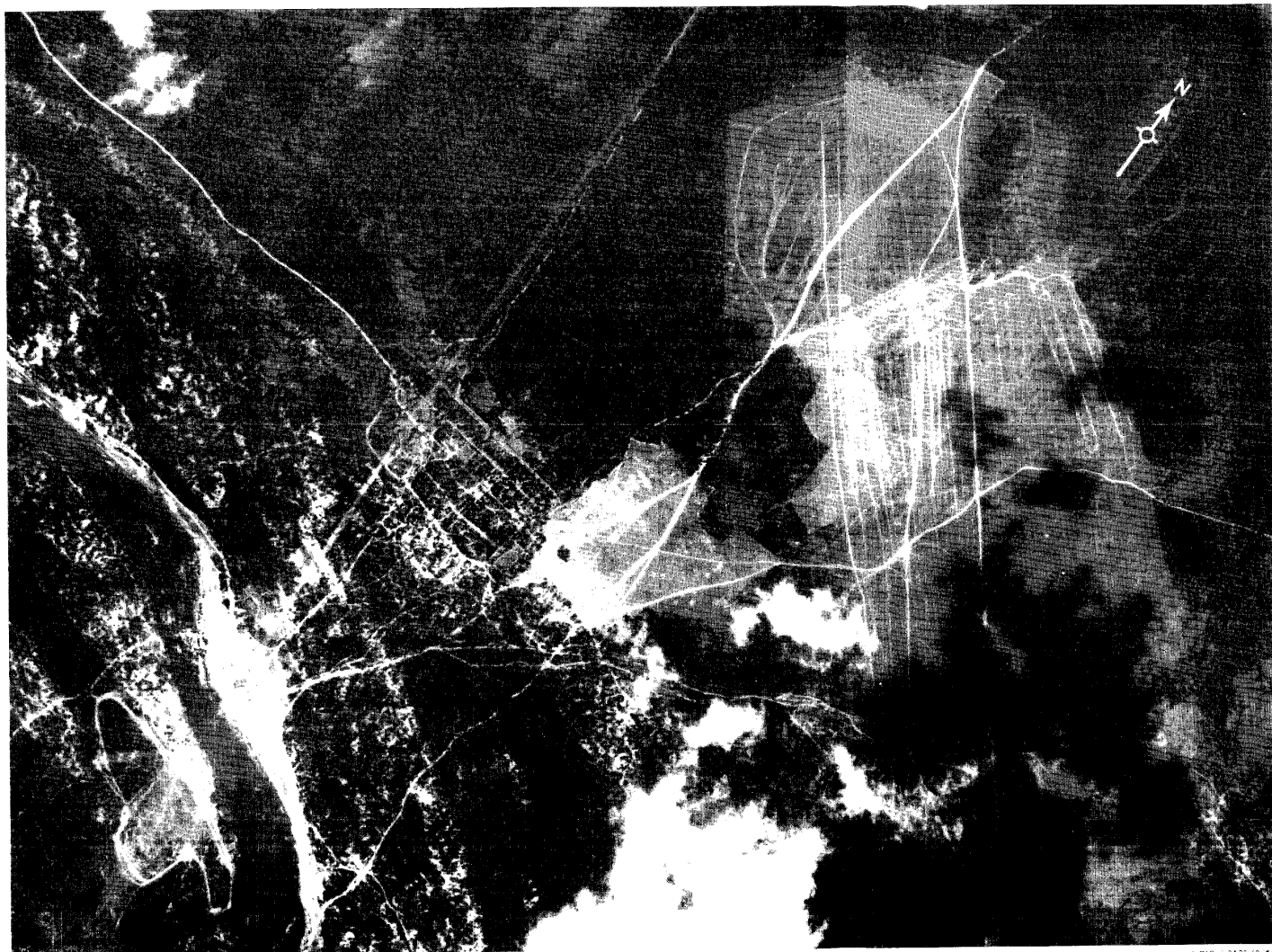


FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, ULAN-ODE, USSR.

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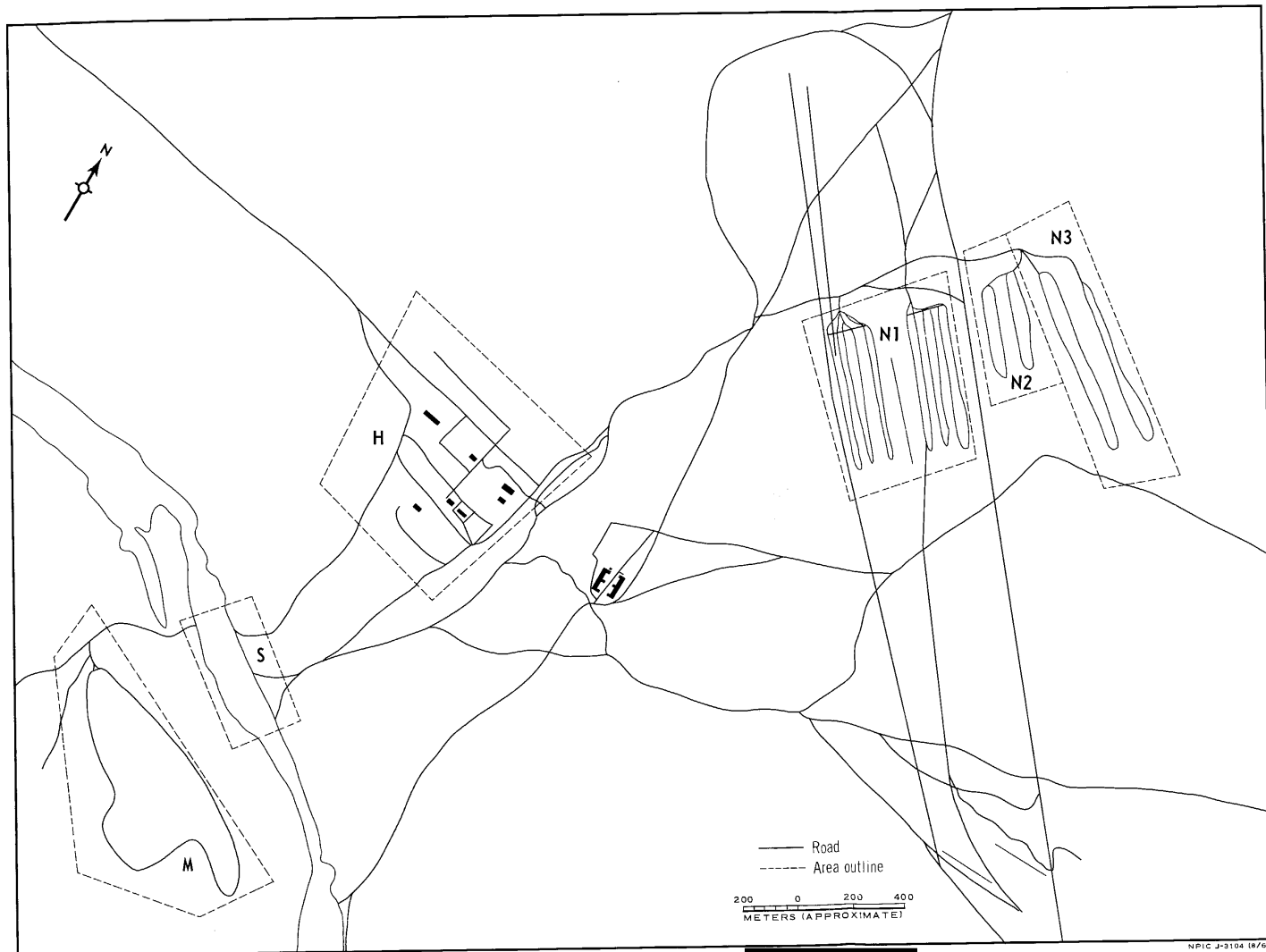


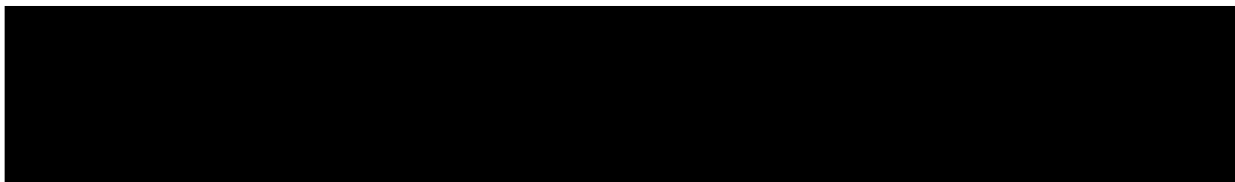
FIGURE 3. MILITARY TRAINING AREA. Sketch compiled from [REDACTED]

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